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U.S. Application No. 09/545,283

The Examiner rejected claims 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 30 and 32, and amend claim 31, as follows:

31. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide encoded by [the]a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked up version of the amended text showing the changes made appears herein as Appendix A.

REMARKS

Claims 10, 11, 20, and 30-32 are pending in the application.

Formalities objections

Drawings

The Examiner has stated that the proposed drawings correction filed on July 25, 2002 is sufficient to overcome the objection to the drawings made in the previous office action. Applicant has submitted herewith corrected drawings for each figure consistent with the suggestion of the Examiner. Applicants have also attached a clean set of the drawings.

Examiner's Position

In the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, the Examiner made the following rejections:

- (1) Claim 31 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph because the Response to the previous office action did not contain a clean version of the claims; and
- (2) Claim 30 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for asserted lack of written description of the genus of polypeptides comprising